

1 Claims

2 What is claimed is:

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4 1. A system for controlling operation of a remotely located video recording  
5 device comprising:

6 at least one Video Recording Device connected to the Internet;

7 at least one Internet access device connected to the Internet;

8 at least one Internet Remote Control Server connected to the Internet,

9 whereby the Internet access device can control the Video Recording Device.

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11 2. A system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a means for maintaining  
12 and keeping the state of a user account representing the settings of a discrete user of a  
13 discrete remotely located VRD.

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15 3. A system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the means exchanges changes in  
16 the states of the user account.

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18 4. A system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a means for  
19 accumulating each user's requests for recording of specific programs.

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21 5. A system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the means communicates with  
22 other Servers to provide to other Servers statistical information regarding selected  
23 television programs.